

From: Gordie (038) Barbara Rydberg
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/28/02 6:03pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Attorney General John Aahcroft I encourage the United States Justice Department to accept the recent anti-trust settlement it reached with Microsoft. I'm for anything that will get the matter behind us so Microsoft can get back to the business of making good software. To open up the market and make it more competitive, Microsoft has agreed to grant computer makers the right to change Windows so that Microsoft product can be removed and competing, non-Microsoft products can be installed. This will allow small developing software companies to get their feet in the door and compete on an even level. This will also create a competitive environment that will encourage all parties to improve their products and services. Microsoft has further agreed to not take any action that could be perceived as retaliatory against those computer makers who choose to do this, nor will Microsoft retaliate against computer makers who develop or ship operating systems that compete with Windows. A Technical Committee made up of three software experts will be overseeing compliance and assisting in any dispute resolution. Based on these facts, I encourage you to support this good settlement that will benefit Microsoft, competitors, and most importantly, consumers who buy these products. Gordon Rydberg 318 Nelson Lane Lopez Island, Washington 98261.